



Marquisha Griffin was elected to the Maricopa City Council in March 2008. Prior to being elected as a council member, she was on the Planning & Zoning Commission from 2005 to 2008 and was chairperson in 2008. Griffin has been active in community and public service. Her leadership is inspired by her strong belief that a more responsive government, greater citizen participation and empowered communities will improve the quality of life for all of Maricopa and create safer communities, a strong local economy and a brighter future for our children. She also believes that public officials should define their lives with fair, honest and effective leadership.

As an assistant to the City of Mesa City Council, Griffin has gained extensive insight in municipal government operations. During her internship for the United States Congress, she viewed government from a global perspective and committed herself to bringing back effective policies to improve Arizona. Griffin understands that good government means transparency, accountability and communication. Griffin received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from Arizona State University and enrolled in post-graduate studies in Public Administration at Keller Graduate School of Management.

Griffin and her husband, Joe, are members of Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church. They have been married since 1999. Griffin has three children, Lexus, DeSean and Bryce and two step children, Kevon and Taylor.

Griffin was appointed by Governor Napolitano to serve on the Governor's African-American Advisory Council. In addition, she serves as the Regional Director to the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (NBC-LEO) for the National League of Cities (NLC) and the NLC's Youth, Families and Education committee.

Council term: 2008-2012.

Council assignments:

- Budget, Finance and Operations Sub-Committee
- PRL Committee

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